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REFS: (A) BANGKOK 7038 (B) STATE 87725 (C) STATE 87543

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM INGERSOLL AND NOOTER

1. WE FULLY UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERNS, BUT REITERATE THAT OUR ACTION WAS TAKEN ONLY AFTER MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THE EFFECTS ON OUR THAI PROGRAMS AND INTERESTS BALANCED AGAINST OTHER URGENT AND ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS, PARTICULARLY FOR ICCS FUNDING. WE HAD FULLY EXPLORED OTHER ALTERNATIVES BEFORE ARRIVING AT OUR DECISION AND CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THERE WAS NO OTHER FEASIBLE SOURCE FOR THE ADDITIONAL SA FUNDS REQUIRED.

2. AS WE INDICATED IN REF B, PARA 3, THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT SOME ADDITIONAL SA FUNDS MAY BECOME AVAILABLE LATER THIS FY TO MEET AT LEAST PART OF THE THAILAND PROGRAM SHORTFALL. THE INFORMATION REQUESTED REF C ON RED PROGRAM
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DEOB POSSIBILITIES, TOGETHER WITH SIMILAR INFORMATION WE

HAVE REQUESTED OF OTHER MISSIONS, WILL BE HELPFUL IN
ENABLING US TO DETERMINE WHETHER THESE FUNDS WILL BE
AVAILABLE OR NOT. WE SHOULD HAVE THE ANSWER BY THE END

OF THIS MONTH, BUT IN THE MEANWHILE PRUDENCE DICTATES THAT
YOU OBLIGATE FUNDS ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT ADDITIONAL FUNDS
WILL NOT BECOME AVAILABLE.

3. WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUGGESTION THAT WE CONSIDER, AS A
MEANS OF OFFSETTING EFFECTS OF THIS SA REDUCTION, THE
POSSIBILITIES OF P.L. 480 AND OF UNTYING THE PROJECT
DEVELOPMENT LOAN AND WILL ADVISE YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. WE LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING THIS PROBLEM TOGETHER
WITH OTHER AID PROGRAM ISSUES DURING YOUR CONSULTATION
IN WASHINGTON THIS MONTH. RUSH

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